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1. Between 16 and 21 February 1953, source determined that the VP barracks installation on Rudower Chaussee at Adlershof was occupied by at least 1,000 men, mainly young VP officers and officer candidates. About 50 percent wore brown uniforms and 50 percent wore blue uniforms. The entire barracks area, which extended at the rear of the newly constructed television station in East Berlin and also included the area of the former German Air Force Research Institute, was closely guarded. The area of the former research institute included six newly constructed low wooden buildings, which, source learned, quartered VPs wearing blue uniforms.

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2. Between 5 and 18 February 1953, source determined that about 1,500 VPs wearing blue uniforms without service color occupied the former Flak Kaserne in Gotha. During the time of observation, they held practices jointly with Soviet troops about two times weekly at Seeburg hill southeast of Gotha. They had two T-34 tanks and carried submachine guns and German Model 42 machine guns.

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an informant determined that VPs located in the barracks installation usually received only a short period of training, and were then assigned as replacements to the border police.

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3. On 21 February 1953, 10 tanks were on cars on a siding, about 500 meters east of the Neubrandenburg railroad station. Eleven heavy AT guns which, source thought, were 85 mm were on cars on a sidetrack. The weapons were guarded by sentries furnished by the Fuenfeichen KVPD. They had disappeared on the following morning.
4. Prior to 2 March 1953, the engineer unit of 400 to 500 men under Major Kiesslich (fmu), which was previously observed at Fuenfeichen Camp, still occupied the installation. The men almost daily received the same type of combat training at, and below, platoon level. The bridges and footpaths, which had previously been constructed at the small lake were no longer observed.

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5. Local residents said that about 200 VPs riding solo motorcycles drove through Oranienburg in the direction of Loewenberg on 2 March 1953. They carried rifles and came from the direction of Birkenwerder.
6. On 31 January 1953, 116 officers and 3,151 NCOs and EM including Soviet advisers occupied the KVP installation at Pinnow. They wore ruby, black, black-bordered blue and black-bordered green patches. A high-ranking officer stated that all members of the unit would soon wear black-bordered green patches. At the time of observation, the troops had only light infantry weapons and a limited number of old 76.2-mm guns on self-propelled mounts for practices. New weapons which had long been expected had not yet arrived. The motor vehicle stock of the unit was also unchanged prior to 31 January 1953. Only 10 motorcycles, some with sidecars, were assigned to the unit. 4

25X1A 1. Comment. The installation at Berlin-Adlershof is known as quarters of the HVKVP, the motor transport battalion of the HVKVP and the A guard regiment of the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of State Security. (sic) It is believed that the VPs wearing blue uniforms belong to this guard regiment and that the VPs wearing brown uniforms belong to the HVKVP and the motor transport battalion.

25X1A 2. Comment. KVPD 2942, is a cadre unit, whose men probably wore still blue uniforms at the time of observation, and is carried in Gotha. It is doubted that the Gotha KVPD should regularly assign replacements to the border police.

25X1A 3. Comment. Several previous reports by deserters mentioned that Fuenf-eichen Camp near Neubrandenburg is occupied by an engineer unit under Captain Kieselich

25X1A 4. Comment. The 1st Inf Regt of the Prenzlaw Div is stationed at Pinnow. The strength figures given in the present report agree with previous statements of deserters. The information on the new service colors needs confirmation.

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